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The Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Secretary of State
The State Department
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As I travel in different parts of the world I am constantly saddened by the disillusionment people everywhere feel about our so-called "human rights policy". Even if self-interest is to be the dominant inspiration for our behavior as a nation, it should be evident that the long-term self-interest of a country with our history lies in support for the human development and freedom of peoples.

Speaking forcefully for the commutation of the death sentence of Kim Dae Jung is one way of supporting democracy and freedom in South Korea. For the present, we have ways of speaking forcefully and we tend to use them effectively when our security is in question. Can we not use them also on behalf of whole populations who are oppressed by their rulers and military?

I ask you to do all in your power to insure the safety and freedom of Kim Dae Jung and a return to democracy in South Korea.

Sincerely,

Sister Ann Gormley

Sr. Ann Gormley
Asst. to Exec. Director

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